

SITUATION REPORT NO. 01
INCIDENT NO. 2001 - 072
DATE: July 18, 2001 TIME: 5:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Summer Storms.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: Sioux County received over nine inches of rain on July 15 and 16 inundating several county roads and ND Highways 6 and 24.

Officials from Rollette County reported the city of Rolla received 5 inches of rainfall over a 2-hour time period on July 17 which resulted in extensive sheet flooding . Several homes and businesses experienced basement flooding while inundation of storm drains caused water to flood sewer lift stations.

Stutsman County officials reported up to 3 inches of rain in the central portion of the county Tuesday evening, July 17. A tornado touched down 8 miles southwest of Woodworth, another north of Medina, a third northwest of Cleveland, and a fourth between Buchanan and Spiritwood. In addition, funnel clouds were spotted north of Medina, east of Windsor, southwest of Jamestown, and north of Sidney. Also, there were reports of small size hail southwest of Woodworth, ½ inch hail north of Eldridge, and golf ball size hail in the Sydney area. Northern Plains Electric Cooperative encountered storm damage mainly to poles and lines supplying power for irrigation units.

On July 17, Kidder County officials indicated storm activity downed Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) transmission lines south of Pettibone.

In Barnes County, on July 17, up to golf ball size hail fell in a path from Fingal south to Nome.

Officials from Morton County reported the city of Hebron encountered damage to homes, vehicles, and trees from hail up to 2 ¾ inches in diameter. The Morton County communities of Glen Ullin and Almont received pea size hail. North of Glen Ullin 1 ½ inch hail fell in and around mile marker 115 on Interstate 94.

4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: Weather spotters in various areas of Stutsman and Morton County were called upon to relay information concerning changing conditions.

Members of the Rolla Fire Department pumped out flooded manholes in 4 locations. This action helped alleviate system capacity problems and prevented further water backup into already flooded basements.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Several Sioux County roads damaged by heavy rains have been closed and the extent of damage is being assessed. ND Highways 6 and 24 were closed for two hours.
7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No additional requests have been received.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE Crews from the Western Area Power Administration and Northern Plains Electric Cooperative are at their respective damage sites making necessary repairs.
9. OTHER Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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